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Williams Bill Argued by Both Sides Before House Committee.

OPPOSITION IS DEVELOPED

Local Option Principle Urged as Reason for Passage of Bill.

Following an earnest debate on the Williams bill allowing local authorities to prohibit the bringing of liquor into dry territory, further action was deferred until Tuesday morning. The hearing occupied more than an hour of the time of the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Any Board of Supervisors of a county, or Council of a city or town, says the bill, may, upon petition of twenty-five reputable eitizens, prohibit any common carrier or persons from bringing into its jurisdiction any intoxicating liquors from any point in the State. There can, of course, be no interference by Virginia law with bringing liquors from another State, which is interstate traffic.

Judge Williams opened the debate for the bill. He spoke of the large dry area in the Southwest. Several years ago, he said, Marion and other dry places had endeavored, by town ordinance, to prevent express companies from bringing in intoxicating liquors. The State Corporation Commission had decided, on a test case, that there was no law to justify such ordinance. Such a law Judge Williams proposes, He contended that this was a local option bill, pure and simple. The local authorities would govern entirely.

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To the argument that people from cutside the State could still ship to these places, even if his bill is passed, judge Williams said that if one takes this ground he leaves the principle of local option, the communities affected having already said by their votes that they do not want liquor soid.

Within four weeks after Radford went dry three years ago, said Judge Williams, the jug shipments into his town of Pearlisburg fell off 60 per cent. This in spite of the fact that Bluefield, in West Virginia, is about the same distance away. He argued from this that his people's associations were in Radford, and that it was not so easy for them to buy in Bluefield.

James B. Casey, one of the members of the House from Ethemood, first spoke against the bill. He thought it was the very extreme of legislation, if would take away from Virginia liquor dealers, who pay license taxes and are under State regulations, trade which would go to the dealers in other States, who pay nothing to the States, who pay nothing to the State treasury. Further, it would not allow a man in a dry town to buy lluque in a wet town and carry it home with him. It interfered with the fundamental right of a citizen to buy what in his judgment he thinks he ought to have. This bill, he argued, was a tendency toward the old Puritan blue laws, which sought to enter the home and to prescribe everything white, a man might or might not do. Such extremes in legislation, in his opinion, do harm in the long run.

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passed the Senate. The tax on fire empanies is left at 12-4 per cent.

SENATE

The Senate met yesterday at 19:30 o'clock for the first time of the session. After the preliminary work of the morning hour Senator Strode took the floor and moved that his State-wide prohibition bill be referred to the Finance Committee, stating that he did not personally advocate such a disposition of the measure, but wished to test the sentiment of the body as to the propriety of sending the bill to that committee. In case the Senate went on record as not desiring such a reference, it would later be estopped from claiming that the bill ought to have been referred. He said that he understood from a newspaper article that the chairman of the Finance Committee, Senator Keezell, did not favor sending the bill to that committee. "I did not make that statement on the floor of the Senate, said Senator Keezell, "though I might have made it elsewhere. In my capacity as chairman I have had nothing to say. I see no particular reason why this bill should be treated differently from any other. My position is this: I do not object to having the bill come before the Finance Committee, but I see no reason why it should be referred now. It is aircady on the House calendar. The House might kill I before the Senate committee has a chance to have a hearing on it."

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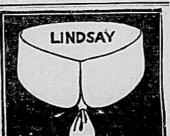
Here and There in the Legislature

Discussion of the appropriation and tevenue bills was had by the joint sub-committee of the Senate and House Finance Committees yesterday afternoon. This body is trying to get to gether on all the remaining bills regether on all the remaining bills icgarding increase in revenue, and is
finding out how much money will be
available within the next two years.
The desirability or otherwise of certain appropriations is also being given
due consideration. This interchange of
views is expected to be of value when
the time comes to frame the general
appropriation bill.

After a debate, which was by no means one-rided, the House Committee on Scild by ALL DRUGGIS ferroon declined to the dring the use of the dring the use of the dring the use of the dring the three was no public opposition to the measure, but there were dissenting views on the floor of the committee. This measure provides that, other things being equal, the State Board of Education shall give the preference, in the soleration of the general schoolbook list, to those publications bearing the label of the Allied Frinting Trades.

In addition to acting on the agricultural ward belil, the House Committee on Agriculture and Mining, at its meeting yesterday afternoon, also disposed of the Notting bill providing hog called the disposed of the States to true. This is to be part of the day of the State Department of the More of the day of the State Department of the day of the State Department of the More of the day of the State Department of the More of the day of the State Department of the More of the day of the State Department of the More of the

Accomac county is certainly losing her representation in the House. She now has a delegate, and in addition elects another, together with Elizabeth City, and atill another with Northampton. Recently a bill was passed allowing Elizabeth City a delegate for herself, and now a bill is pending, which



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when any inmate of the Soldiers' Home dies, provides a bill introduced by Senator Wickham, without a will, and leaving in the home personal effects, the board of visitors shail sell the offects if no rightful claim is made for them in a year. The money derived from such a sale is to be used for the benefit of the surviving inmates of the home. Should the property be worth more than \$25, the board must advertise once a week for four weeks in the paper in the town from which the deceased came.

From Norfolk comes the news that

From Norfolk comes the news that the people of Virginia Beach are incensed at the introduction of the bill in the House repealing the charter of the town. This was done, so it is stated, by Judge Iz. D. Yarrell, of Greenesville, and the people of the village on the ocean are represented as not understanding it. They have instructed their representative, Mr. Baum, to oppose the bill in committee.

The unfortunate effects of being a legislator were voiced yesterday by Colonel John S. Harwood, the biggest member of the Richmond delegation in the House. He said in committee that he has never taken a drink of liquor in his life, but that now, after hearing so much on the subject, he will probably be a hard drinker for the rest of his days.

According to general belief, the office of Secretary of Virginia Military Records will be abolished by the present Legislature by the simple expedient of cutting out the appropriation. When the position was established six years ago, it was understood by many of the members that the work would take one year, or perhaps two. It is felt that enough time has been consumed, and that at all events the money could at this juncture be better used elsewhere. It is stated that the Confederate veterans of the Legislature join in the sentiment that the position should not longer be continued.

Awaiting only the signature of Governor Mann to become law, the bill providing a site for the Battle Abbey at the Soldiers' Home was passed yesterday by the Senate. On motion of Senator Harman it was railroaded through, put on its passage, and assented to. The site indicated in the bill includes twenty-five acres. It is understood that there was an intention by another Senator to put in a clause that the site should be used for the Governor's Mansion, in case the Battle Abbey is not put there, but the bill went through so fast that nothing came of that intention.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad charter bill will come up before the Senate Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation. A full quota of speakers is expected.

The Ward bill regulating the sale and purity of agricultural lime was reported favorably yesterday by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Mining. The bill establishing a tax on fertilizers received the same action.

The candy habit is taking hold of the Senate. It was started by the fact that Sergeant-at-Arms Watkins always has a little bag of confections in his desk, and was so generous with his store that many of the Senatonow have a good supply on hand and can be seen munching bonbons while listening to the discussion of laws. In the meantime, the "plug-biters" chew on with fine scorn.

Measure Backed by Governor Gets an Unfavorable Report.

Governor Mann's especial measure, the Adams-Page bill, creating a United Agricultural Board, went down in de-reat yesterday in the House Committee on Agriculture and Mining, which de-cided to report it to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

passed the House yesterday on its second reading, divorcing Northampton also, leaving Accomac with the one representative, It is pointed out that although Accomac has a large population, she has the Senator from that district.

Second Teacher of Assembly by the Governor, and Mr. Page has, as he said at the hearing made seventeen speeches on the subject.

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Every effort was made by the joint patrons to pacify everybody who criticized any feature of the bill. The Governor was consulted, many amendments were made, and it was announced that nobody had any objection. Yet for some unaccountable reason the committee rejected it. The committeemen would not talk after the meeting was over meeting was over.

Wanted to Be Left Out.

Professor Johnson, of the Virgin's
Truck Experiment Station, addressed
the committee regarding that institution. It did not wish to be included
in the scope of the bill at this time,
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The hearing was not a long one, because of the fact that the matter had been previously thoroughly thoroughly threshed out. It has been discussed it if the newspapers, made the subject in the newspapers, made the subject in the newspapers, made the subject in the newspapers.

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